

# Sculpterra

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## Wine/Notes

## 2015 Cabernet Sauvignon 10 Year Anniversary Release



### THE VINTAGE:

This limited production Cabernet Sauvignon commemorates the 10th consecutive vintage of Sculpterra Winery Cabernet wines! Sculpterra will always be recognized for great tasting Cabernets, that are both fruit driven and maintain a herbal-earthly appeal with layered textures and a long finish on the palate. This limited release wine is made to be a replication of the famous first vintage; the 2005 Cabernet Sauvignon. The fruit was grown and sourced from the 14 acre Hilltop block just like in 2005. Amazingly the 2015 growing season was similar to 2005! Both years saw above average rainfall, a colder than usual winter, a moderate spring, and hot summer. The fruit, picked at precisely 25.5 Brix, came in at just 2.3 tons.

### WINEMAKING:

We replicated our winemaking methods to imitate the 2005 vintage with every step we took. The fruit was destemmed and lightly crushed. Followed by 2 days of cold soaking before adding the same yeast culture from 2005, ICV-D254. This yeast culture increased the wines tannic structure while heightening the taste of ripe berries and capturing the most color from the skins possible. Fermentation took 13 days to finish before we extracted the free run juice and pressed the skins. We settled the young wine in a 578-gallon stainless tank for 2 days followed by barreling down the wine in oak barrels. We bottled the wine after a total of 14 months of oak aging. Each bottle is numbered - only 1,200 total bottles.

### FROM THE WINEMAKER:

*"I am so thrilled for the release of this very limited production Cabernet Sauvignon! This 2015 release marks 10 years of our winemaking from the Hilltop block. This wine is only available to our wine club members and officially available to our Cabernet Connection Club starting in December 2017. The taste is juicy, dusty and lean at first, but then develops with layers of baked cherry pie and licorice on the finish. A seductive interweaving of flavors like sage, dried herbs and spice. These notes perfectly complement the rich red cherry bouquet. Balanced and full-bodied, it's a standout wine and the perfect one to celebrate Sculpterra's 10 years in production."*

-Paul W. Frankel, Winemaker

## Wine Facts

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### Varietal Composition:

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Appellation: Paso Robles

Vineyard: Frankel Family Estate

Bottling Date: February 2017

Release Date: December 2018

Finished Alcohol: 14.2%

Residual Sugar: 0.03 g/100ml

Total Acid: 0.72g/100ml

pH: 3.72

Cases Produced: 100 Cases

*Wine that gladdens the heart*

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